

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **QUARTERLY REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 RIGHT OF WAY ANNUAL ALLOCATION – FOURTH QUARTER**

SUMMARY:

For Fiscal Year 2025-26, \$93.6 million, or 75 percent, of the \$125 million allocated by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) for Right of Way (RW) capital has been committed on State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects. In June 2026, the California Department of Transportation's (Department) Division of Right of Way and Land Surveys anticipated closing the fiscal year with a \$25.9 million balance and notified the Department's Division of Budgets and the Commission. The actual annual allocation balance was \$31.4 million.

The annual RW Capital Plan approved by the Commission on June 27, 2025, under Resolution FM-24-03, consisted of 523 projects. Funds were committed on 309, or 59 percent, of the previously identified projects. The RW Capital Plan was amended to include 238 additional projects that required 2025-26 allocation.

BACKGROUND:

The Department's Division of Right of Way and Land Surveys administers the RW capital budget under delegated authority from the Commission. The Commission provides an annual allocation consistent with each fiscal year's Budget Act, approved STIP and SHOPP documents, and the RW Capital Plan. The RW Capital Plan includes RW capital outlay costs, plus the specific categories of costs during the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase, costs exceeding programming, and inverse condemnation costs. The Commission further delegates to the Department the authority to adjust allocation between projects and expenditure categories.

Per Resolution G-19-01, the Department is required to report on a quarterly basis the status of the RW Capital Plan, including a list of the projects added, subtotals of the specific categories, and the balance of the annual allocation. The summary below provides a breakdown of expenditures and encumbrances through 2025-26.

FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 RW CAPITAL ANNUAL ALLOCATION SUMMARY
(Encumbrances and/or expenditures through end of Fiscal Year 2025-26)
(Dollars x 1,000)

Capital Projects	Total FY Annual Allocation per CTC Resolution FM-24-03	Annual Allocation Encumbered and/or Expended in 2025-26	Annual Allocation Balance¹
STIP Capital Costs	\$6,912	\$4,359	\$2,553
STIP Costs During PA&ED ^{2 3}	\$10	\$0	\$10
STIP Costs in Excess of Programming ³	\$6,235	\$4,164	\$2,071
STIP Inverse Costs ³	\$1,001	\$61	\$940
Subtotal STIP	\$14,158	\$8,584	\$5,574
SHOPP Capital Costs	\$94,616	\$62,928	\$31,688
SHOPP Costs During PA&ED ^{2 3}	\$2,032	\$1,814	\$218
SHOPP Costs in Excess of Programming ³	\$12,829	\$17,717	(\$4,888)
SHOPP Inverse Costs ³	\$1,365	\$2,580	(\$1,215)
Subtotal SHOPP	\$110,842	\$85,039	\$25,803
Total Right of Way	\$125,000	\$93,623	\$31,377

¹ Adjustments required to balance the Annual Allocation were discussed with the Department's Division of Budgets during preliminary closing in June 2026.

² Commitments during the PA&ED phase are limited to 5 percent of the total annual allocation. In 2025-26, commitments during the PA&ED phase total 1.5 percent of the allocation.

³ The 2026 STIP Fund Estimate identified \$38 million in unprogrammed RW capital costs. In 2025-26, unprogrammed RW capital costs total \$24.1 million. Approximately \$4M will be reclassified as programmed costs after STIP county share adjustments are made at the time of Construction Contract Acceptance.

**FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 RW CAPITAL ANNUAL ALLOCATION
BUDGET AUTHORITY SUMMARY**
(Encumbrances and/or expenditures through end of Fiscal Year 2025-26)
(Dollars x 1,000)

Program	Fund Source	Approved R/W Capital Budget Authority	Budget Authority Expended or Encumbered in 2025-26	Budget Authority Balance
STIP	SHA-26301-0042	\$10,097	\$5,552	\$4,545
STIP	SHA-26301F-0890	\$4,061	\$3,032	\$1,029
STIP	Subtotal STIP	\$14,158	\$8,584	\$5,574
SHOPP	SHA-26302-0042	\$99,589	\$73,775	\$25,814
SHOPP	SHA-26302F-0890	\$11,253	\$11,264	(\$11)
SHOPP	Subtotal SHOPP	\$110,842	\$85,039	\$25,803
	Total Right of Way	\$125,000	\$93,623	\$31,377

A copy of the detailed [RW Capital Plan](#) is available online.